Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlining for added matter). A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

1. (Original) A polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition comprising:

a polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer (A) prepared by polymerizing 5 to 60 parts by weight of a vinyl monomer (a-2) in the presence of 40 to 95 parts by weight of polyorganosiloxane particles (a-1) (the sum of (a-1) and (a-2) is 100 parts by weight); and an antioxidant (B).

2. (Original) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polyorganosiloxane particles (a-1) have a volume average particle size of 0.008 to 0.6 μm.

3. (Currently Amended) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to ~~Claim 1 or 2~~Claim 1, wherein a polymer prepared by polymerizing the vinyl monomer (a-2) alone has a solubility parameter of 9.15 to 10.15 $(cal/cm^3)^{1/2}$.

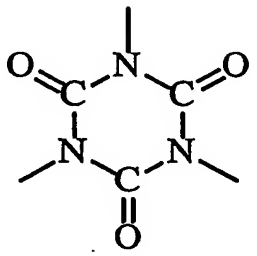
4. (Currently Amended) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~Claim 1, wherein the polyorganosiloxane particles (a-1) are in the form of latex.

5. (Currently Amended) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~Claim 1, wherein the vinyl monomer (a-2) is at least one selected from the group consisting of an aromatic vinyl monomer, an vinyl cyanide monomer, a (meth)acrylate monomer, and a carboxyl-group-containing vinyl monomer.

6. (Currently Amended) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~Claim 1, wherein the antioxidant (B) is a phosphorus-based antioxidant or a mixture of at least two antioxidant components.

7. (Currently Amended) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~Claim 1, wherein the antioxidant (B) is a mixture of at least two antioxidant components.

8. (Original) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 7, wherein the antioxidant (B) contains at least one compound having a structure represented by the following chemical formula (1) in molecule:



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9. (Original) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 8, wherein the antioxidant (B) further contains a phenolic antioxidant.

10. (Original) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 8, wherein the antioxidant (B) further contains a sulfur-containing antioxidant.

11. (Original) The polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein the antioxidant (B) is such an antioxidant that, when 0.5 parts by weight of the antioxidant is kneade with 100 parts by weight of a polymer, which is prepared by polymerizing only the vinyl monomer (a-2) (excluding a

multifunctional monomer) of the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer (A), at 230°C for 3 minutes to prepare a resin composition, this resin composition exhibits a decomposition temperature at least 5°C higher than the decomposition temperature of the polymer alone, the decomposition temperatures being determined at a heating rate of 10°C/min by differential thermal analysis.

12. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant comprising the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 11~~Claim 1.

13. (Original) A flame-retardant resin composition prepared by compounding 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic resin and 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of the flame retardant according to Claim 12.

14. (New) A flame retardant comprising the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 8.

15. (New) A flame-retardant resin composition prepared by compounding 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic resin and 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of the flame retardant according to Claim 14.

16. (New) A flame retardant comprising the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 9.

17. (New) A flame-retardant resin composition prepared by compounding 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic resin and 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of the flame retardant according to Claim 16.

18. (New) A flame retardant comprising the polyorganosiloxane-containing graft copolymer composition according to Claim 11.

19. (New) A flame-retardant resin composition prepared by compounding 100 parts by weight of thermoplastic resin and 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of the flame retardant according to Claim 18.